पुष्टि नहीं हुई है । इस बारे में सरकार को भी कोई विशिष्ट शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Formation of Cooperative Societies by ONGC**

2376. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has approved the formation of cooperative societies under its jurisdiction ;

(b) if so, what are the functions of these societies ;

(c) how many such societies have been formed so far and what is their total memberships ;

(d) whether any ancillary units have been set up by these cooperatives to meet the requirements of the ONCG ; and

(e) if so, what are the names of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) In order to concentra e on its principal objectives of exploration and exploitation of Hydro-carbons, Oil and Natural Gas Commission have identified certain jobs in low technology areas which can be farmed out to external agencies including cooperative societies.

(c) 84 cooperatives with 4143 members have been formed so far to undertake the activities mentioned above.

(d) No Sir.,

(e) Does not arise.

**Drug Prices Equalisation Account**

2377. SHRI E. BALANANDAN :
SHRI M.A. BABY :
SHRI P.K. KUNJACHEN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount at present due from the drug companies towards Drug Prices Equalisation Account ;

(b) what are the details of steps taken so far to recover the amount; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to write off the amount ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) and (b) The tentative amounts due from drug companies under paragraph 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 to the extent assessed is about Rs. 1500 lakhs. The amounts due from other drug companies would also be assessed as per the relevent povisions.

(c) There is no such proposal before the Government at present.

**ऊर्जा के वैकल्पिक स्रोत**

2378. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मंत्रालय पेट्रोल, डीजल आदि के मूल्यों में निरन्तर हो रही वृद्धि को